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SUBJ: ARMS FOR LEBANON

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1. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KHWYIL, RECENTLY RETURNED TO POSGBCN CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 25. AFTER DESCRIBING IN FAMILIAR TERMS SERIOUS AND URGENT PLIGHT GMH FACES IN DEALING WITSSFEDAYEEN, KHALIL OUTLINED LEBANESE DIFFICULTIEYNUN ACQUIRING MINIMUM ARMS REQUIREMENTS. MUCH OF THIS WAS ALSO WELL-COVERED GROUND, FAMILIAR TO WASHINGTON AND BEIRUT OFFICERS. KHALIL SAID HE WASY TRYING TO PERSUADE IRAN TO EASE UP ON ITS FINANCIAL TERMS TO FACILITATE

LEBANESE PURCHASES OF ARMS. LEBANON HAS NOT GIVEN UP ON ACQUIRING 155 MM LONG BARRELED GUNS AND M-60 TANKS FROM IRAN, BUT HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY LONG DELIVERY TIME FOR US-MANUFACTURED REPLACEMENTS.

WE HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH REPORTING ON USG-GOL DISCUSSIONS OF ARMS SUPPLY FOR LEBANON AND WOULD APPRECIATE AN UPDATING. IT SEEMS LEKELY, WITH KHALIL RETURNED TO ACTION, GOI WILL AGAIN BE DRAWNS INTO PICTURE AND WE WILL BE TACKLED ON THIS QUESTION. WITH RESPECT TO 155 GUNS AND M-60 TANKS, WE WONDER IF THERE IS ANY NEW FLEXIBILITY ON DELIVERY SCHEDULES--EVEN ON TOKEN BASIS--WHICH WOULD
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ENABLE GOI TO SELL TO LEBANON IN EXPECTATION OF EARLY REPLACEMENT FROM US.

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